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The Goa Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2023 (Goa Act 31 of 2023), which has been passed by the Legislative Assembly of Goa on 07-08-2023 and assented to by the Governor of Goa on 05-09-2023, is hereby published for the general information of the public.

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The Goa Goods and Services
Tax (Amendment) Act, 2023

(Goa Act 31 of 2023) [5-09-2023]

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Act

*further to amend the Goa Goods and Services
Tax Act, 2017 (Goa Act 4 of 2017).*

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This Act may be called the Goa Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) Save as otherwise provided in this Act, the provisions of this Act shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette appoint and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act and any reference in any such provision to the commencement of this Act shall be construed as a reference to the coming into force of that provision.

2. *Amendment of section 10.*— In the Goa Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (Goa Act 4 of 2017) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”), in section 10,—

(i) in sub-section (2), in clause (d), the words “goods or” shall be omitted;

(ii) in sub-section (2A), in clause (c), the words “goods or” shall be omitted.

3. *Amendment of section 16.*— In section 16 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2),—

(i) in the second proviso, for the expression “added to his output tax liability, along with interest thereon”, the expression

“paid by him along with interest payable under section 50” shall be substituted;

(ii) in the third proviso, after the words “made by him”, the words “to the supplier” shall be inserted.

4. *Amendment of section 17.*— In section 17 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (3), in the *Explanation*, for the expression “except those specified in paragraph 5 of the said Schedule”, the following expression shall be substituted, namely:—

“except,—

(i) the value of activities or transactions specified in paragraph 5 of the said Schedule; and

(ii) the value of such activities or transactions as may be prescribed in respect of clause (a) of paragraph 8 of the said Schedule.”;

(ii) in sub-section (5), after clause (f), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(fa) goods or services or both received by a taxable person, which are used or intended to be used for activities relating to his obligations under corporate social responsibility referred to in section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 (Act 18 of 2013);”.

5. *Amendment of section 23.*— In section 23 of the principal Act, for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted with effect from the 1st day of July, 2017, namely:—

“(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in sub-section (1) of section 22 or section 24, the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, specify the category of persons who may be exempted from obtaining registration under this Act.”.

6. *Amendment of section 30.*— In section 30 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1),—

(i) for the expression “the prescribed manner within thirty days from the date of service of the cancellation order:”, the expression “such manner, within such time and subject to such conditions and restrictions, as may be prescribed.” shall be substituted;

(ii) the proviso shall be omitted.

7. *Amendment of section 37.*— In section 37 of the principal Act, after sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(5) A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) for a tax period after the expiry of a period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said details:

Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the details of outward supplies for a tax period under sub-section (1), even after the expiry of the said period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said details.”.

8. *Amendment of section 39.*— In section 39 of the principal Act, after sub-section (10), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(11) A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish a return for a tax period after the expiry of a period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said return:

Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the return for a tax period, even after the expiry of the said

period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said return.”.

9. *Amendment of section 44.*— In section 44 of the principal Act,—

(i) the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1);

(ii) after sub-section (1) so numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2) A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish an annual return under sub-section (1) for a financial year after the expiry of a period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said annual return:

Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish an annual return for a financial year under sub-section (1), even after the expiry of the said period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said annual return.”.

10. *Amendment of section 52.*— In section 52 of the principal Act, after sub-section (14), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(15) The operator shall not be allowed to furnish a statement under sub-section (4) after the expiry of a period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said statement:

Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow an operator or a class of operators to furnish a statement under sub-section (4), even after the expiry of the said period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said statement.”.

11. *Amendment of section 54.*— In section 54 of the principal Act, in sub-section (6), the expression “excluding the amount of input tax credit provisionally accepted,” shall be omitted.

12. *Amendment of section 56.*— In section 56 of the principal Act, for the words “from the date immediately after the expiry of sixty days from the date of receipt of application under the said sub-section till the date of refund of such tax”, the expression “for the period of delay beyond sixty days from the date of receipt of such application till the date of refund of such tax, to be computed in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed” shall be substituted.

13. *Amendment of section 62.*— In section 62 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2),—

(i) for the words “thirty days”, the words “sixty days” shall be substituted;

(ii) the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that where the registered person fails to furnish a valid return within sixty days of the service of the assessment order under sub-section (1), he may furnish the same within a further period of sixty days on payment of an additional late fee of one hundred rupees for each day of delay beyond sixty days of the service of the said assessment order and in case he furnishes valid return within such extended period, the said assessment order shall be deemed to have been withdrawn, but the liability to pay interest under sub-section (1) of section 50 or to pay late fee under section 47 shall continue.”.

14. *Substitution of section 109.* — For section 109 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“109. *Constitution of Appellate Tribunal and Benches thereof.*— Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, the Goods and Services Tax Tribunal constituted under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (Central Act 12 of 2017) shall be the Appellate Tribunal for hearing appeals against the orders passed by the Appellate Authority or the Revisional Authority under this Act.”.

15. *Omission of sections 110 and 114.*— Sections 110 and 114 of the principal Act shall be omitted.

16. *Amendment of section 117.*— In section 117 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (1), for the words “State Bench or Area Benches”, the words “State Benches” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-section (5), in clauses (a) and (b), for the words “State Bench or Area Benches”, the words “State Benches” shall be substituted.

17. *Amendment of section 118.*— In section 118 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), in clause (a), for the words “National Bench or Regional Benches”, the words “Principal Bench” shall be substituted.

18. *Amendment of section 119.*— In section 119 of the principal Act,—

(i) for the words “National or Regional Benches”, the words “Principal Bench” shall be substituted;

(ii) for the words “State Bench or Area Benches”, the words “State Benches” shall be substituted.

19. *Amendment of section 122.*— In section 122 of the principal Act, after sub-section (1A), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(1B) *Any electronic commerce operator who.*—

(i) allows a supply of goods or services or both through it by an unregistered person other than a person exempted from registration by a notification issued under this Act to make such supply;

(ii) allows an inter-State supply of goods or services or both through it by a person who is not eligible to make such inter-State supply; or

(iii) fails to furnish the correct details in the statement to be furnished under sub-section (4) of section 52 of any outward supply of goods effected through it by a person exempted from obtaining registration under this Act,

shall be liable to pay a penalty of ten thousand rupees, or an amount equivalent to the amount of tax involved had such supply been made by a registered person other than a person paying tax under section 10, whichever is higher.”.

20. *Amendment of section 132.*— In section 132 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1),—

(i) clauses (g), (j) and (k) shall be omitted;

(ii) in clause (l), for the expression, “clauses (a) to (k)”, the expression “clauses (a) to (f) and clauses (h) and (i)” shall be substituted;

(iii) in clause (iii), for the expression “any other offence”, the expression “an offence specified in clause (b),” shall be substituted;

(iv) in clause (iv), the expression “or clause (g) or clause (j)” shall be omitted.

21. *Amendment of section 138.*— In section 138 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (1), in the first proviso,—

(a) for clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(a) a person who has been allowed to compound once in respect of any of the offences specified in clauses (a) to (f), (h), (i) and (l) of sub-section (1) of section 132;”;

(b) clause (b) shall be omitted;

(c) for clause (c), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(c) a person who has been accused of committing an offence under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 132;”;

(d) clause (e) shall be omitted;

(ii) in sub-section (2), for the expression “ten thousand rupees or fifty per cent. of the tax involved, whichever is higher, and the maximum amount not being less than thirty thousand rupees or one hundred and fifty percent. of the tax, whichever is higher”, the expression “twenty-five percent. of the tax involved and the maximum amount not

being more than one hundred percent. of the tax involved" shall be substituted.

22. *Insertion of new section 158A.*— After section 158 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

"158A. Consent based sharing of information furnished by taxable person.—

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 133, 152 and 158, the following details furnished by a registered person may, subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), and on the recommendations of the Council, be shared by the common portal with such other systems as may be notified by the Government, in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, namely:—

(a) particulars furnished in the application for registration under section 25 or in the return filed under section 39 or under section 44;

(b) the particulars uploaded on the common portal for preparation of invoice, the details of outward supplies furnished under section 37 and the particulars uploaded on the common portal for generation of documents under section 68;

(c) such other details as may be prescribed.

(2) For the purposes of sharing details under sub-section (1), the consent shall be obtained, of —

(a) the supplier, in respect of details furnished under clauses (a), (b) and (c) of sub-section (1); and

(b) the recipient, in respect of details furnished under clause (b) of sub-section (1), and under clause (c) of sub-section (1) only where such details include identity information of the recipient, in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, no action shall lie against the Government or the common portal with respect to any liability arising consequent to information shared under this section and there shall be no impact on the liability to pay tax on the relevant supply or as per the relevant return."

23. *Retrospective exemption to certain activities and transactions in Schedule III.*—

(1) In Schedule III to the principal Act, paragraphs 7 and 8 and the Explanation 2 thereof (as inserted *vide* section 32 of Goa Act 4 of 2019) shall be deemed to have been inserted therein with effect from the 1st day of July, 2017.

(2) No refund shall be made of all the tax which has been collected, but which would not have been so collected, had sub-section (1) been in force at all material times.

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